

Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association
(MPSSAA)
Baltimore, MD

Minutes of the MPSSAA Executive Council Meeting
October 14, 2020

Refer Questions: R. Andrew Warner, Executive Director, 410-767-0376

Districts Represented: (District 1) Kevin Kendro, (District 2) Jeff Sullivan (joined at 12:39), (District 3) Shirley Diggs, (District 4) Steve Lee, (District 5) John Davis, (District 6) Jeff Markle, (District 8) Bryan Ashby, (District 9) Tiffany Byrd (joined at 12:41)

Also Present: Michael Duffy, President, MPSSAA
Michael Sye, President Elect, MPSSAA
R. Andrew Warner, Executive Director, MPSSAA
Jason Bursick, Assistant Director, MPSSAA
Ken Kazmarek, Coordinator of Officials, MPSSAA
Patrick Saunderson, Principal's Representative (had another meeting, left at 1:02)
Lynette Mitzel, Supervisor of Athletics, Secretary

Excused: Debbie Baler (District 7)
Dana Johnson, Past President, MPSSAA

1. The meeting was called to order on October 14, 2020 at 12:34pm by President Duffy.
2. Mr. Duffy asked the committee to review the minutes from the previous meeting. Mr. Davis made a motion to accept the minutes, followed by a second from Mr. Saunderson. The minutes were approved 9-0.
3. Mr. Duffy opened the meeting asking for updates from the MPSSAA office. Mr. Warner had none other than to state he sent out the fall sport modifications yesterday via email. Mr. Duffy inquired as to whether he heard anything about the proposal for the December 7, 2020 start date. Mr. Warner informed the council to his knowledge PSSAM sent both the supervisors letter and their own letter to the State Superintendent, but he has no further information.
4. Mr. Duffy requested the districts report any updates in regard to the athletic plan their school systems were using as reported at the last meeting. At this time Anne Arundel County is starting in person training. Howard, Baltimore, and Montgomery Counties shared work with their Return to Play Committees and local health departments with still uncertainty on a timeframe for returning of students, but very hopeful to bring students back for in-person

- training sometime in November (Montgomery County shared November 9 as a target date). Mr. Ashby shared the numbers of participants coming out for voluntary in-person opportunities continues to increase every day. Prince George's County shared they are still in Phase 2 and there is uncertainty they will even be able to meet the December date and could be closer to a January timeframe. Mr. Duffy shared with the council a Carroll County Health Officer sent to Dr. Salmon, which supported the December 7, 2020 restart of athletics.
5. Mr. Duffy requested the district representatives provide Mr. Warner with an update on how corollary athletics was taking place in their school systems. All districts, with the exception of district 3, are currently engaging the students who participate in corollary sports in the same manner they are engaging the students who participate in interscholastic athletics. Mr. Duffy asked if the MPSSAA had a list of corollary sports being offered around the state and Mr. Warner indicated Mr. Bursick would send that to all supervisors via email.
 6. Mr. Duffy inquired as to how the collection of enrollment numbers for classification has been going. Mr. Warner informed him five school systems have given him the needed data and school systems have until October 26, 2020. Mr. Warner will set up the classification committee meeting pending any issues with local school systems ability to provide information.
 7. Dr. Sullivan asked if there was any update on the December 7, 2020 proposal having joined in late at 12:39 p.m. Mr. Duffy informed him Mr. Warner shared some of that earlier and asked Mr. Warner to share the same information with Dr. Sullivan. Mr. Kendro asked who would be making the decision about the December 7th restart – would it be the State Superintendent, MSDE, or the MPSSAA? He would like guidance to provide community members who inquired. Mr. Warner informed him that anything he would say at this point would be speculation. He has been given no information as to how this may play out. Mr. Ashby stated the Bayside Conference continues to prepare for all contingency seasons.
 8. Mr. Saunderson informed the council he needed to attend another meeting, and asked if this group would like MASSP (Maryland Association of Secondary School Principals) to send a letter to the State Superintendent endorsing the December 7th return to athletics. Council members agreed it would be a good addition to the Supervisors of Athletics letter.
 9. Mr. Kendro asked if other jurisdictions were informing officials associations of the two potential start dates. Mr. Duffy responded that was how they were handling officials at this point.
 10. Mr. Warner asked the committee if there were any concerns with the fall sport modifications he sent Tuesday via email. Committee members agree the modifications were good to move forward as written. Mr. Warner requested an official vote or for the MPSSAA office to be given authority to move forward with the final approval. Mr. Sye made a motion to accept the fall sport modifications and move them forward. Mr. Ashby second the motion. All were in favor 10-0.

11. Mr. Duffy asked if there was any new business for the good of the group. Mr. Warner requested Ms. Mitzel, Dr. Sullivan, and Mr. Bursick remain on the call following this meeting to set up the basketball committee meeting and agenda. Mr. Lee inquired as to a time table for a Board of Control meeting. Mr. Warner stated last week Mr. Sye suggested no meeting until there was something to put on an agenda. At this time, this council needs to develop what the next goals are. Dr. Sullivan suggested classification, overall updates on the state of athletics, and fall sport bulletins could be agenda items and recommended that information be gathered for a December meeting. Mr. Warner agreed on the December timeframe, but stated he was under the impression the council was asking for a sooner date. The council indicated December was good.
12. With no further discussion, Mr. Duffy asked if the next meeting was going to be held on Monday, October 19th at 10:00am. Several council members voiced the desire to continue weekly meetings even if they were brief.
13. Dr. Sullivan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, followed by a second from Mr. Davis. All were in favor and the meeting ended at 1:12 p.m.